and Employment Programme (STEP) and Socio Economic Programme (SEP) also provide for strengthening and improvement of women's work and employment in the core sectors of agriculture, animal husbandry, dairying, etc.

Survey on Female Infanticides

*372. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey on the incidence of female infanticides was recently conducted by Government in some selected States;

(b) if so, which were the States selected; and

(c) what is the comparative data amongst these States as per the survey?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A survey on female infanticide has been sponsored in nine selected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. The study is in progress, and excepting the one in Tamil Nadu, the other reports have not yet been received.

Utilisation Capacity of Saleable Steel under SAIL

*373. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of capacity utilisation in saleable steel under SAIL, unit-wise during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether it is a fact that utilisation in areas of C.R. Coil, tin plate and other finished products had been far below the capacities;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to ensure 100% utilisation;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the capacities in highest value-added finished steel areas are kept unutilised because of dumping by a few developed countries; and

(e) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop the dumping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The percentage capacity utilisation in respect of saleable steel production in the Integrated Steel Plants of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for the last two years is as under:

(Unit %age)

Year/ Plant	BSP	DSP	RSP	BSL	IISCO	SAIL
1992-93	99	68	101	95	98	94
1993-94	106	68	97	102	82	98

(b) Yes, Sir. However, the production has shown improvement in 1993-94.

(c) The reasons for production of C.R. Coil/sheets, Tin Plates being below capacity are:

(i) C.R. Coils: Nature of demand for C.R. Coils/Sheets constitute a mix of narrow width, thinner gauges and special grades, some of which are not being met by SAIL due to operational/ technical limitations in the plants.

(ii) Tin Plates: Lower availability of feed material for electrolyte tinning lines and competition from cheaper imported substitutes.

The steps taken to maximise output of finished products, among others, include modernisation and upgradation of equipment and technology, R&D efforts & product development to suit market requirement improvement of inter-plant synergy and exploring of export markets for products which face domestic demand constraint.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.